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SUBJECT: 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM -- INTERIM SHORTFALL

- ALLOCATIONS

1. WE INTEND DECLARE AND ALLOCATE INITIAL 35 MILLION POUND SHORTFALL UNDER 1975 MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 3. ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE AND REPORT BY AUGUST 29.

2. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR CY-75, JAN-JUNE EXPORTS TO US, AND ALLOCATION OF 35 MILLION POUND SHORTFALL.

COUNTRY	VOLUNTARY EXPORTS SHORTFALL			
	RESTRAINT	JAN-JUNE	ALLOCATION	PERCENT
	LEVEL	1975		
	(MILLIONS OF POUNDS)			
AUSTRALIA	615.1	349.8	23.4	66.8
NEW ZEALAND	252.8	157.7	9.7	27.5
COSTA RICA	52.2	31.5	2.0	5.7
NICARAGUA	47.6	17.3		
HONDURAS	34.8	12.3		
GUATEMALA	33.4	10.2		
MEXICO	58.4	11.3		
DOMINICAN REP.	14.0	.0		
EL SALVADOR	11.1	2.2		
PANAMA	2.5	1.0		
HAITI	1.8	0.5		
IRELAND	38.2	1.1		
CANADA	17.0	3.3		
U.K.	1.0	0.7		
BELIZE	0.1	0.02		
TOTAL	35.0	100.0		

3. ON BASIS JAN-JUNE SHIPMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION WE
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BELIEVE ONLY AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND COSTA RICA ARE ABLE BOTH MEET VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR CY-75 AND COVER ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS. COMBINED SHORTFALL FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE AT LEAST 35 MILLION POUNDS. THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND COSTA RICA ARE IN PROPORTION TO THEIR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVELS (IN ACCORDANCE PARA 4 OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS).

4. SHIPMENTS UNDER THE SHORTFALL ALLOCATION MUST BE ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION IN CY-75.

5. THE ALLOCATION OF THIS 35 MILLION POUND SHORTFALL WILL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS OF POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT SHORTFALL ALLOCATIONS

OR TO THE POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION OF 1976 VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE RELATIVE SHARES OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

6. FOR DUBLIN: IN CONSULTING YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE ARE DOING THIS SOLELY AS A COURTESY SINCE WE ARE NOT UNDER OBLIGATION TO CONSULT WITH NON-SIGNATORY. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS HERE WE STILL HAVE NO WORD FROM IRISH EMBASSY ON LIKELY CY-75 MEAT SHIPMENT LEVEL TO US.

7. OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: THOUGH NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT SHORTFALL ALLOCATION ACTION (AND YOU SHOULD NOT DELAY REPORTING CONSULTATION TO OBTAIN) ANY INFORMATION ON LIKELY TOTAL CY-75 EXPORTS TO US WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

8. FOR OTTAWA: PLEASE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF INTENDED ACTION. WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO CANADA AT THIS TIME SINCE ITS AUGUST 15 OFFER OF REMOVING GLOBAL QUOTAS IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR INCREASING ITS ESTIMATED SHIPMENTS TO 30 MILLION POUNDS, WITHOUT CONTINUATION OF CANADIAN EXPORT RESTRAINTS, WAS UNACCEPTABLE. WE DO NOT FEEL WE CAN WAIT ANY LONGER FOR A CANADIAN RE-

SPONSE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH AN INITIAL ALLOCATION. HOWEVER, WE DO WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS 35 MILLION POUND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLOCATION IS AN INTERIM MEASURE AND DOES NOT PRECLUDE IMMEDIATE FURTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT MUTUAL REMOVAL OF QUOTAS.

9. FOR CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON: EMBASSIES HERE HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF NOTES URGING 50 MILLION POUND INITIAL SHORTFALL ALLOCATION. GIVEN CONTINUING UNCERTAINTIES WE ARE NOT ABLE GO ABOVE 35 MILLION POUNDS AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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